Car thereby providing better comfort to the travelling passengers. Therefore, re-introductibn of Chair Car facility in H. Nizamuddin-Mumbai August Kranti Rajdhani is not desirable.

Amenities for the disabled at Railway Stations

2198. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has issued directions to the Railways for providing additional amenities at all the stations and junctions for the physically challenged;

(b) whether the High Court had also directed the Railways authorities to file an Action Taken Report within four months of this order;

(c) if so, the details of the directive issued by the High Court; and

(d) to what extent the Railways have provided more amenities to disabled in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) While disposing of Civil Writ Petition No. 5053 of 1998 filed by a hearing impaired, Delhi High Court in their Judgement dated 20.12.2001 has directed the Railways to provide more amenities at stations and junctions for the physically challenged and file an action taken report within 4 months of the date of Judgement. The directions given by the Hon'ble Court are as under :—

1. There should be a booth established at all the major railway stations/ junctions having a prominent pictorial sign that assistance is available to physically handicapped/challenged persons.

2. The booth should be manned by attendants, who would make available wheel chair/trolley, stretcher etc., as required. Folding canes should be provided for the blind. Movable ramps should also be provided so that there is no difficulty in boarding or alighting.

3. At the time of issuance of concessional tickets to each physically handicapped/challenged person or a person, who is blind, deaf and/or dumb, information regarding the complete particulars of the passenger

name, address and telephone number of the contact persons to be contacted in case of emergency should be obtained.

4. The Railway Authorities on the basis of information so obtained will print out a card giving the full particulars of the passenger name and address of the passenger as well as that of contact persons to be contacted in case of emergency. The boarding station as well as the destination to be printed out/typed out in bold letters.

5. Each physically handicapped/challenged person, blind, deaf and dumb or otherwise sick person travelling on concessional fare should carry the card to enable seeking assistance from fellow passengers/travellers in case of need.

6. The Train Ticket Examiner/Guard or the concerned staff should be given a duplicate copy of the card and made responsible to ensure that physically handicapped/challenged person has no difficulty in boarding or alighting from the train or during travel.

The above directions given by the Hon'ble High Court are being examined.

Railway stations vulnerable to terrorists

2199. SHRl SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have conducted any survey to identify rail tracks and railway stations that might get terrorists' attention; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Govemment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. However, some important stations have been identified a vulnerable to terrorist attack by the State Governments concerned because maintenance of Law and Order on the Railways including the running trains and Railway lines in the responsibility of the State Governments.

(b) The Railways have taken the following-steps:—

(i) All the State Governments have been requested to take adequate steps to protect the Railway installations including the track.